

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1-38. (Cancelled).

39. (New) A method for the preparation of cells for use in the production of a biological, the method comprising culturing cells to a desired cell volume of a preproduction batch, wherein the cells are anchorage dependent cells, where after in a repeated discontinuous process:

- a) a first part of the cells of the preproduction batch is used for the preparation of at least one production batch, and
- b) the remaining part of the cells of the preproduction batch is used as a seed for the preparation of at least one subsequent preproduction batch.

40. (New) The method according to claim 39, wherein in the repeated discontinuous process:

- a) the first part of the cells of the preproduction batch is transferred to be used for the preparation of at least one production batch, and
- b) the remaining part of the cells of the preproduction batch is transferred to be used as a seed for the preparation of at least one subsequent preproduction batch.

41. (New) The method according to Claim 39, wherein a first preproduction batch is prepared from a working seed stock by at least one passage step.

42. (New) The method according to Claim 39, wherein the anchorage dependent cells are grown on a substrate and released from the substrate prior to each transfer step.
43. (New) The method according to Claim 42, wherein the substrate comprises particulate matter or a solid support.
44. (New) The method according to Claim 39, wherein the cells are for use in the production of virus.